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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chairman Nedzi

1. The Director, accompanied by George Cary and the undersigned, met with Chairman Nedzi in the latter's office for about 1-1/2 hours today. Joining Nedzi were Jack Boos and Searle Field of the House Select Committee Staff.

2. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss in general terms the procedures and substance that will govern the House Committee's review of intelligence activities.

3. The Director covered the general procedures that obtain in CIA relationships with the Rockefeller Commission and the Senate Select Committee. He referred to the problem caused by sweeping requests for large amounts of CIA paper and documents. He urged instead that the Committee select topics or areas for deep looks rather than try to learn "all about everything."

4. He explained the need to protect certain kinds of intelligence information and the "paraphrasing" practice worked out to enhance protection.

5. The Director pointed out that the Senate Committee had visited the Agency for a background briefing and the Senate Committee Staffers had been briefed by each of the Agency deputies. Currently, a number of briefing discussions are under way on various topics on Agency premises.

6. Chairman Nedzi appeared to favor all this. He said he first wanted the Director to appear before the House Select Committee, probably in open session, to explain the Agency -- its work and purpose. This would be followed by a Committee visit or visits to Langley.

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7. Chairman Nedzi referred to the Senate Committee Staff's organization and noted its drawbacks (too many activities stretch across the task force borders). Searle Field said the House Staff would be much smaller. A small task force will deal with CIA; its members will require a lot of background and "focusing" in order to get the job done well.

8. There followed, at Field's request, a brief run-down by the Director of the allegations and facts related to assassination details. This led to a brief discussion of Warren Commission findings and current concerns about their validities.

9. Field said the Staff would prefer not to move quickly into investigating this topic but might have to because of the current concern.

10. The Director suggested the Staff hold off making a decision pending learning the Rockefeller Commission's findings on this. The Director undertook to have Chairman Nedzi receive whatever special advice is provided to Senators Church and Tower by the White House in this regard.

11. It was left that Cary and Knoche will meet with Field and Boos on 29 May to discuss specifics of groundrules and security arrangements.

12. The Chairman handed us a list of requests for CIA documents on various topics.

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